Amendment

In the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

- 1-13. (Canceled).
- 14. (currently amended): An integrated circuit chip package comprising:

an integrated circuit chip <u>having a plurality of edges and tips and attached to a substrate,</u> wherein each tip is at a position where several edges meet;

a stress buffering material only covering <u>portions</u> <u>corners</u> of said integrated circuit chip <u>which are neighboring the tips</u>; and

an encapsulation material coating said integrated circuit chip and a portion of said substrate.

- 15. (Original): The package according to claim 14 wherein said integrated circuit chip is attached to said substrate by a ball grid array.
- 16. (currently amended): The package according to claim 14 wherein said integrated circuit chip is attached to said substrate by a super ball grid array(SBGA) like structure.

- 17. (currently amended): The package according to claim 14 wherein said encapsulation material covers said stress buffering material and wherein said stress buffering material prevents delamination of said encapsulation material at said <u>portions</u> eorners of said integrated circuit chip.
- 18. (Original): The package according to claim 14 wherein said stress buffering material comprises an epoxy or resin.
- 19. (Original): The package according to claim 14 wherein said stress buffering material has a low coefficient of thermal expansion.
- 20. (Original): The package according to claim 21 wherein said integrated circuit chip contains low dielectric constant dielectric layers.
 - 21. (currently amended): An integrated circuit chip package comprising:

an integrated circuit chip having a first surface and a second surface opposite thereto, wherein said second surface is having a plurality of edges and tips and attached to a substrate, wherein each tip is at a position where several edges meet;

a stress buffering material having a substantially equal coefficient of thermal expansion to said integrated circuit chip, covering at least one corner of said integrated circuit chip, wherein a part of the first surface is not covered by the stress buffering material and only covering portions of said integrated circuit chip which are neighboring the tips; and

an encapsulation material covering said integrated circuit chip and said stress buffering material.

- 22. (currently amended): The package according to claim 21 wherein said encapsulation material covers said stress buffering material and wherein said stress buffering material prevents delamination of said encapsulation material at least one corners said portions of said integrated circuit chip.
- 23. (previously presented): The package according to claim 21 wherein said stress buffering material comprises an epoxy or resin.
- 24. (previously presented): The package according to claim 21 wherein said stress buffering material has a low coefficient of thermal expansion.
- 25. (previously presented): The package according to claim 21 wherein said integrated circuit chip contains low dielectric constant dielectric layers.
- 26. (previously presented): The package according to claim 21 wherein said integrated circuit chip is attached to said substrate by a ball grid array.
- 27. (currently amended): The package according to claim 21 wherein said integrated circuit chip is attached to said substrate by a super ball grid array (SBGA) like structure.